IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE APPOINTMENT OF)
JAMES HARRIS AS) Case No
SENIOR JUDGE IN THE)
MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT 2)

ORDER APPOINTING SENIOR JUDGE

The presiding judge of the Morgan Superior Court 2 has requested the appointment of Senior Judge James Harris for service in that court for 2005, pursuant to Ind.Code §33-4-8-1.

This Court adopted revisions to Administrative Rule 5 on December 3, 2003, which made certain changes to the senior judge program in recognition of the importance of senior judges to the administration of justice in Indiana trial courts. Accordingly, we find that the Morgan Superior Court 2 has demonstrated the need for additional judicial resources based on this court's most recent weighted caseload statistics. We find further that the presiding judge of the Morgan Superior Court 2 is faced with circumstances which warrant the appointment of senior judges to that court at the discretion of the presiding judge and without limitation. Senior Judge James Harris has been certified as a senior judge by the Judicial Nominating Commission for the calendar year 2005 pursuant to Ind. Code §33-2.1-4-17. This Court may re-examine the appointment made herein at a

later date in light of weighted caseload statistics and other circumstances, and make

adjustments accordingly.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Senior Judge James Harris is appointed to

serve in the requesting trial court at the discretion of the requesting judge, effective

February 1, 2005. This appointment shall remain in effect until December 31, 2005.

Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-4-8-5, the senior judge appointed by this Court in this Order

may not be compensated as senior judge for more than one hundred (100) days in the

aggregate during the 2005 calendar year.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this order to the

Honorable Christopher L. Burnham, presiding judge of the Morgan Superior Court 2; to the

Honorable James Harris; to the clerk of the Morgan Superior Court for entry in the Record

of Judgments and Orders; to the Indiana Judicial Center; to the Judicial Qualifications

Commission; and to the Division of State Court Administration, Payroll Section.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana this _____ day of February, 2005.

Randall T. Shepard

Chief Justice of Indiana